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FROM SCHAUFEELE

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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: GUIDANCE FOR AMBASSADOR
CUTLER IN KINSHASA (S/S 7602675)

1. CUTLER WILL BE SEEING PRESIDENT MOBUTU BEFORE LATTER
LEAVES FOR IMPORTANT MEETING IN LUSAKA NEXT WEEK TO
DISCUSS ANGOLA WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA. HE EXPECTS THAT
MEETING WITH MOBUTU MAY TAKE PLACE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8,
AND ASKS WHETHER WE HAVE ANY GUIDANCE. SINCE FOREIGN
MINISTER NGUZA HAS BEEN BRIEFING MOBUTU ALMOST DAILY ON
DEVELOPMENTS IN WASHINGTON, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CUTLER BE
AT LEAST INFORMED ABOUT YOUR MEETING WITH NGUZA.

2. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO SEND THE
FOLLOWING SUGGESTED CABLE TO AMBASSADOR CUTLER.

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MOBUTU

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SCHAUFEELE

1. FOR YOUR MEETING, YOU MAY TELL MOBUTU THAT NGUZA HAS ALREADY EARNED HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER. TEMPLESME WHO HAS BEEN ALONG ON MOST CALLS CONFIRMS THAT 17-ODD SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN WITH WHOM NGUZA HAS DISCUSSED ANGOLA AND ZAIRE (VIRTUALLY ALL THE NAMES ON YOUR LIST AND A FEW I PROVIDED) WERE ALL VERY IMPRESSED. WHILE FEW WOULD MODIFY THEIR POSITION ON ANGOLA, ALL VOICED THEIR DETERMINATION TO HELP ZAIRE. THE FACT THAT NGUZA APPARENTLY CONVINCED CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN COULD BE TERMED THE APEX OF HIS LOBBYING EFFORT. INOUYE IS UNFORTUNATELY OUT OF TOWN.

2. PRESIDENT FORD HAS BEEN ASKED TO SEE NGUZA AND SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR COULBARY NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY TO RECEIVE THE LETTERS FROM MOBUTU AND SENGHOR. THE SECRETARY HAS ALSO ASKED TO MEET A SECOND TIME WITH NGUZA BEFORE THE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT. IN THEIR FIRST 50 MINUTE MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, THE SECRETARY INFORMED NGUZA THAT HE HOPED TO VISIT ZAIRE AT THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. HE UNDERScoreD THE HIGH PRIORITY WHICH THIS GOVERNMENT PLACES ON MAINTAINING ZAIRIAN SOVEREIGNTY UNIMPAIRED. AND IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ADVISED NGUZA THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD MUCH WORK TO DO IN THE MEANTIME TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID PROJECTS WHICH WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN ZAIRE IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGOLA. HE DESCRIBED DISCUSSION OF SUCH PROJECTS AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AIMS OF HIS VISIT TO ZAIRE. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT AMIN MIGHT VISIT KINSHASA WHILE HE WAS THERE, SINCE HE CANNOT GO TO KAMPALA. NGUZA HAS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT AN INVITATION WOULD GO OUT TO AMIN TO VISIT KINSHASA ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MORE OR LESS BY CHANCE WHILE THE SECRETARY IS IN TOWN (A GOOD TRICK IF THE ZAIRIANS CAN DO IT).

3. WE WILL SHORTLY PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE. BUT YOU MAY
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TELL PRESIDENT MOBUTU THAT THE CLIMATE OF OPINION HAS IMPROVED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DOING SOMETHING FOR THE STATES NEIGHBORING ANGOLA. (FYI: MOBUTU SHOULD NOT YET BE OVERLY ENCOURAGED, BUT HE HAS SOME REASON FOR REASSURANCE. END FYI).

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